

>contributed mightily to the amateur community. Likewise, I've known
>hams in those two groups who have contributed nothing discernable to
>ham radio. Lacking any visible correlation between time licensed and
>quality of participation, I've decided that if my 25 years in ham radio
>mean anything, it's probably only that I'm getting old, crotchety and
>set in my ways.

I resemble that remark. :-)

But seriously, folks, it has a lot more meaning than shows on the surface, at least to me.

It means that, without an elmer or teacher of any kind, I learned enough about electronics by age 14 that I could read a schematic and give an accurate description of what would happen if a given part were to fail. It means that with only a shortwave receiver (a Knight Star Roamer, not exactly one of the hottest around) to help, I learned the code by age 14 and got up to close to 30 WPM by age 15.

It means that I had the desire to persevere in the hobby while others dropped out. I can't count the number of times when, hearing my "old-timer's" call, someone remarks "I used to be WB9xxx, but I dropped out of the hobby and just got my license back a couple years ago."

It means that I took the trouble to stay current on regulations and rules and operating procedures. (Compare that with the guys I heard a couple years ago; freshly licensed, operating FM on 144.010 MHz. Not to be "holier than they", but they should have known better; it wasn't deliberate, as when an unidentified station came on and informed them of their error, they moved after some grumbling.)

It means that I live by the "old code". Remember when, as you renewed your license, you were signing an affidavit that you still met all the requirements of your license class, including code speed? I haven't been on CW for too many years to count, but I can still copy 17 WPM according to SuperMorse (I'm Advanced class, need only 13) and have every confidence I can get back to 30 with a minimum of trouble.

It means I know enough to participate when help is needed, and stay out of the way when too much "help" is messing things up. Seems like in my experience, during anything from a walk-a-thon to a disaster, a majority of the calls I hear from people actually working on the scene are pretty old calls, and a lot of the newer calls are "old-timers" who changed calls when incentive licensing took effect and the 1x2s and 2x2s became available to distinguish license class.

It means I've been around long enough to have learned that I have to give something back to the hobby, or watch it die.

You're right, there isn't necessarily a correlation between time licensed and quality of participation. 14.313 is a good example of that. It takes the individual op to make that correlation, and I'm proud to say that I've tried to do just that.

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|  Cliff Sharp  |      clifto@indep1.chi.il.us   OR  clifto@indep1.uucp   |
|  WA9PDM      |      Use whichever one works      |
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Date: Tue, 20 Jul 93 21:29:09 EDT
From: anomaly.sbs.com!kd1nr!system@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Code vs. No-Code Articles/Comments from QST 1982-90
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Here are some of the ARRL and members of the ARRL's opinions that were published in QST ranging from September 1982 to September 1990.

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82SEP 56 Happenings
Codeless U.S. Amateur License? Commision Tells Staff to Write a Proposal

82NOV 9 "It Seems to Us..."
No Time for No-Code

82DEC 55 Article
Some Thoughts on the Morse Code, Victor C. Clark W4KFC (President ARRL)

82DEC 73 Correspondence
More No-Code, Daniel C. McKenzie AI9D

83FEB 66 Correspondence
No-Code - A "Cohn" Job?, Fred Rosenbury KA1GEN

83MAR 9 "It Seems to Us...."
The FCC No-Code Proposal: Ready or Not, Here it Comes

83MAR 49 Article
FCC Proposal for "Codeless" Operator License Class, FCC NPRM

83APR 9 "It Seems to Us...."
FCC Filings: Quality vs. Quantity, David Sumner K1ZZ

83APR 61 Correspondence
DE-"Cohn" Job?, James R. Musselman K06P
No-Code Compromise, Jim Sanford N0AIH

83MAY 44 Article

Inside ARRL: W4KFC and K1ZZ Speak Out

| 83JUN 9 "It Seems to Us...."

| Board Stands Firm on No-Code

| "BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the ARRL in Annual Meeting
| assembled that the General Manager is directed to prepare, for filing by
| Counsel, comments in the matter of PR Docket 83-28 stating in the
| strongest possible manner the opposition of the League to the creation
| of an amateur license class that does not require a demonstration of a
| knowledge of the Morse Code."

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83SEP 61 Happenings

League Comments Lambaste No-Code Proposal

83OCT Happenings

No-Code Reply Comments, ARRL

84FEB Happenings

FCC Drops No Code!

84MAR Correspondence

No-Code: The End, Jeff Naylor N9DGO

84APR Correspondence

Thanks for No No-Code, Gordon Woroshelo VE3EYW

84JUL Correspondence

W2NSD and the Code, John F. Hall NA7R

"", Dr. Robert J. Ward K0SRL

84SEP Correspondence

Witty Reply to Savage Responce, Randy Lilly N3ET

84DEC Correspondence

The Return of No-Code, Edward Mitchell WA6AOD

[Coverage of the issue during 1985-1988 is currently being researched.]

88NOV 62 Correspondence

CW - Obsolete?, W.A. Swanson N8IKW

88DEC 79 Correspondence

Lost Spectrum and a No-Code VHF License, David Greer WE4K

89JAN 9 "It Seems to Us..."

Why Morse Code?, Larry E. Price W4RA, and David Sumner K1ZZ

89JAN 78 Correspondence

CW Obsolete? No Way!, Jim Whit K1ZX

" , Andrew Singer WK2F
" , David L. Wiesen K2VX
" , Sgt Anthony Engracio N4FP0
" , Hans K. Hildebrand KA1PCJ
" , George R. "Bob" Howe KB9JR
" , Ron Smith KF7JF
" , Steve Kirschner WY6P
" , Stan Gibilisco W1GV
" , Mike Gilbreath N4OHB
" , Scott J. Gottfried N0HOT
" , Bruce Vaughan NR5Q

89FEB 76 Correspondence

Lost Spectrum - What's the Answer?, William D. Cleveland WD5IBY

A No-Code VHF Digital License, George Schnepf KE2IV

89MAR 54 Happenings

Team to Study No-Code Issue

79 Correspondence

Code or No-Code: The Great Debate, Bill Raab KB0BSR

" , Chuck Martin AB4Y
" , Jean F. Eskridge N0JZH
" , Michael A. Covington N4TMI
" , Jim Brooks, Jr. N4SRT
" , Brad Wells KR7L
" , Karl H. Muller W3UBQ
" , Dr. Milton Cohen WA3LBA
" , F. Paul Kosbab NF4E

89APR 77 Correspondence

No-Code License: The Pro, Bob Locher W9NKI

" , John Osborne W1KFY
" , Gerald E. Christen W3EXD
" , Hayes Steinhauser W2DZ
" , Terrence R. Redding WB5LMJ
" , James E. Taylor W2OZH
" , Harry L. Helms AA6FW

And the Con... , Mike Kelly N4RXC

" , Richard Steck W9RS
" , David L. Heller K3TX
" , Joe Phillips W2DHV

89JUN 68 Moved and Seconded...

Agenda item 2.5 Consideration of Report of the Committee to Study a Possible Code-Free License.

89JUN 76 Correspondence

I'm Against a Code-Free License,	Dr. Paul A. Grayce K3LLH
"	Paddy Liles W9LOH
"	Michael Holgate (License Pending)
"	Fred "Skeets" Senter N6SZT
"	Wayne E. Wright W5XD
Publicity: The Answer?,	Gordon L. Anderson N8CCC
"	Charles M. Seay, Sr.
A Code-Free License: Ham Radio's Salvation,	Ed Vosicky W0JT
"	", Walter Bollinger AF3V
"	", James Kaplan N7LXQ
"	", Mark C. McCarthy KA2UIC
"	", Ben Johnson NY00
"	", Larry D. Shaunce WD0AKX
"	", Nicholas L. DeCarlo KA7VLH

89JUL 47 Article

The Case for Code, Rick Booth KM1G

89JUL 62 Correspondence

In Support of a Codeless VHF/UHF License,	Jim DiTucci N2IXD
"	", John E. Vercellino WB90VV
"	", John Carp GM8XFT
"	", Jean-Michel Quetin F6ADT
A Codeless License is No Good,	George A. Lucchi W6NVN
"	Thomas H. Cash, Jr. K4ZQX
Solutions...,	Jeff Rahmel KA8ZAW
"	Matthew Horbund (Novice pending)

89AUG 66 Correspondence

The Committee Recommendation on a No-Code License,	Steve Kirschner WY6P
Get The Right Information,	Warren Erdman K3ZXQ
Recruitment Efforts,	Paul W. Schleck KD3FU

89SEP 13 League Lines

89SEP 9 "It Seems to Us..."

A Codeless License: The Time Has Come, David Sumner K1ZZ

89SEP 56 Moved and Seconded...

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89NOV 53 Happenings

ARRL Petitions FCC for Codeless Class of Amateur License

90APR 38 Article
FCC Releases Codeless License NPRM

90SEP 54 Article
Board Affirms Code-free License stance, Rick Palm K1CE

This is what KD1HZ and I have found thus far, we still have 1985 through 1988 to look into but a quick scan seems to show that the code/nocode debate dropped completely out of the picture at the time.

And please, it's not that I'm bashing codeless techs, it's just that I wanted to back up the data we've stated already.

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      o      o Tony Pelliccio, KD1NR, Control Op 441.750+, ARRL VE
      \      / system @ garlic.sbs.com                Soon W5YI VE
      \__/_/
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Date: Mon, 19 Jul 1993 19:16:16 GMT
From: usc!cs.utexas.edu!sdd.hp.com!hpscit.sc.hp.com!hplextra!hpfcs!
ajs@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: lotsadots
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Then there is the friend who upgraded to AA0ET. That's right, didah
didah dadadadadah dit dah. Meanwhile his wife's four-digit phone
extension, when she worked here too, was, coincidentally, DIDA (3432).

Date: Wed, 21 Jul 1993 03:46:49 GMT

From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!emory!athena!
aisun3.ai.uga.edu!mcovingt@network.ucsd.edu
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <22aobc\$n85@news.acns.nwu.edu>, <jfhCADB5M.CLK@netcom.com>,
<CADLKI.E8n@unccsun.uncc.edu>i.uga.e
Subject : Re: Foreigner getting US liscence ?

In article <CADLKI.E8n@unccsun.uncc.edu> jmcoving@unccsun.uncc.edu (John Covington
WN4BBJ) writes:

>In article <jfhCADB5M.CLK@netcom.com> jfh@netcom.com (Jack Hamilton) writes:
>>You also cannot be a representative of a foreign government. I don't know
>>why that requirement is there - a holdover from more jingoistic days?
>
>Most representatives of foreign governments have diplomatic immunity,
>and therefore can't be fined by the FCC for breaking the rules.

And they operate under their licenses from their home countries.
One day VK7ZFJA turned up on the local repeater... that was how...

>John Covington WN4BBJ Internet: jmcoving@mosaic.uncc.edu
:- Michael A. Covington, Associate Research Scientist : *****

Should we organize a Covington Net? :)

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:- Michael A. Covington, Associate Research Scientist : *****
:- Artificial Intelligence Programs mcovingt@ai.uga.edu : *****
:- The University of Georgia phone 706 542-0358 : * * *
:- Athens, Georgia 30602-7415 U.S.A. amateur radio N4TMI : ** *** ** <><

Date: 21 Jul 1993 03:40:53 -0400
From: digex.com!digex.net!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <1993Jul19.110351.28366@ennews.eas.asu.edu>,
<CAEyrM.8F5@murdoch.acc.Virginia.EDU>, <22gnqi\$25u@gopher.cs.uofs.edu>p
Subject : Re: Order pizza on your autopatch now

bill@cs.uofs.edu (Bill Gunshannon) writes:

>Does anyone have a complete copy of the FCC release?? It was said that
>this change would also allow the use of Amateur Radio more in support of
>education. Was this included?

Yes.

For those amateurs who don't know how to contact
the governmental body charged with regulating
amateur radio:

"The amendment [allows] licensees to use
amateur service frequencies to ... support
educational activities..."

Listen to Westlink, they're sure to discuss it
in as much details as warranted. More detail
available from the Federal Communications Commission.

That is all.

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bote@access.digex.net (John Boteler)
WARNING: You are subject to pre-emption!

Date: Sun, 18 Jul 1993 17:47:06 GMT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!asuvax!
ennews!anasaz!misty!john@network.ucsd.edu
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <1993Jul16.180050.309@rsg1.er.usgs.gov>,
<226ropINNhib@west.West.Sun.COM>, <1993Jul17.204406.1@levy.fnal.gov>#
Subject : Re: Callsign reissue on FCC's steam driven computer

levy@levy.fnal.gov (Mark E. Levy, ext. 8056) writes:

]In article <226ropINNhib@west.West.Sun.COM>, flloyd@l1-a.west.sun.com (Fred Lloyd
[Phoenix SE]) writes:
]> In article <1993Jul16.180050.309@rsg1.er.usgs.gov>
]> bodoh@dgg.cr.usgs.gov (Tom Bodoh) writes:
]>>--
]> Agreed. But a 486 could easily take on the single task of managing the
]> amateur radio callsign database. It's called downsizing, distributed
]> computing,... oh well, forget it. We're talking about the government
]> here :-)

]Only if one (1) person is going to do the maintenance at a time. Do we know
]how many amateur radio callsign database updates the FCC does in a day? A
]week? Can one person handle it (or three, they'd probably have to run 'round
]the clock to keep up)? What about inquiries? Does the maintenance stop when

]someone else needs to look up a license? We're not talking about a network
]here, where multi-user access is possible. The original poster proposed a
]*single* PC.

It's really simple.... use a few PC's as TERMINALS, with one 486 running
UNIX or Windows NT as a server that runs all the software and holds all
the data. We run central reservation systems for hotel systems with 30
operators using that architecture, and that's one heck of a lot more
work than maintaining a callsign database.

As far as programming, someone with a few months to spend could easily
code up the whole thing and QA it thoroughly. Using some of the SQL/4GL
tools, it could be done in a couple of days.

The FCC's computer technology, like much of the USGOV's technology, is
stone age.

]And many Unix systems will *compute* the crap out of a mainframe, but it won't
]move data better. Mainframes are designed to move data, that's what most
]business applications do most of, with only occasional heavy compute cycles.

Actually, if you look at many business applications today which use
transaction processing with relational databases, the ability to compute
is more important than the ability to move data. Furthermore some of the
newer UNIX architectures will move data extremely fast. Finally, you can
run UNIX (AIX) on the big IBM mainframes.

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- - A conservative is a liberal who has been mugged by reality! - -

- - Support ALL of the bill of rights, INCLUDING the 2nd amendment! - -

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